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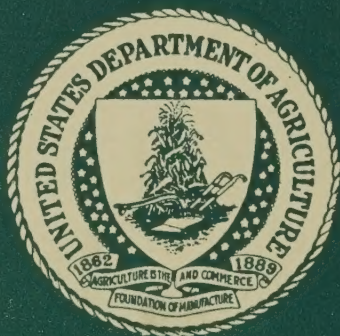
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# Snowmobile

## TRAILS

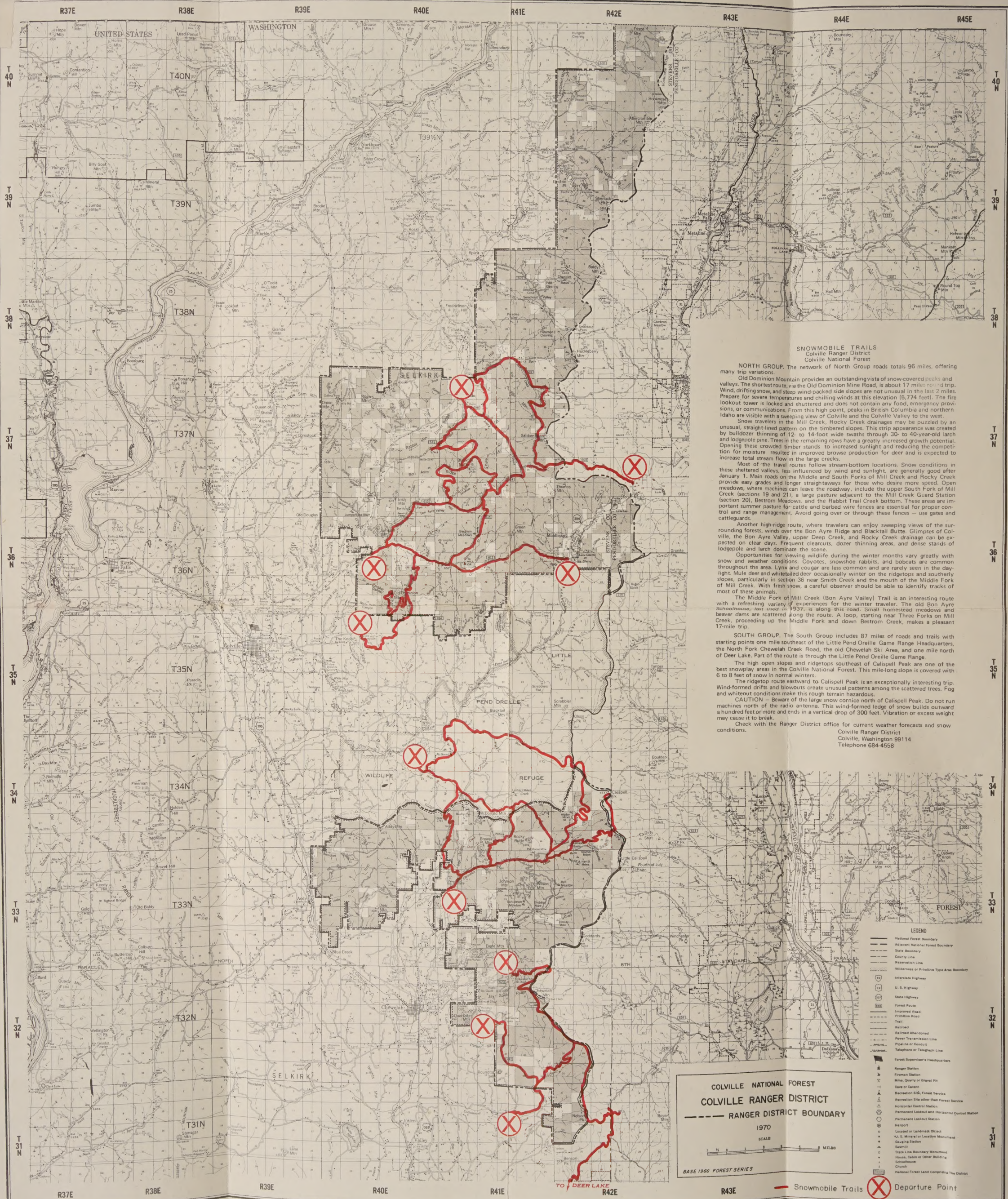
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### COLVILLE National Forest



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## SNOWMOBILING

THE NATIONAL FORESTS — America's Winter Playground

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# **SNOWMOBILER'S CODE OF ETHICS**

1. I will be a good sportsman. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote sportsmanlike conduct.
2. I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
4. I will respect other people's property and rights.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.
7. I will not interfere with or harass skiers, snowshoers, or other winter sportsmen. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
8. I will know and obey all Federal, State, and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection of wildlife.



# THE *National Forests*

## AMERICA'S PLAYGROUNDS

A great variety of recreational opportunities are available on National Forest lands. In recent years, a new dimension has been added — winter travel by snowmobile.

New vistas of sight and sound are open to the snowmobiler. Forested winter landscapes are fantastic, with changes around every bend.

Although these trails provide many opportunities for enjoying superb winter scenery, those who venture in from the road should be aware that equipment can break down, people can get lost, suffer injuries, and sometimes die through lack of knowledge of the dangers involved in winter travel.

The Forest Service and organized snowmobile associations do want people to be aware of the hazards and commonsense rules of winter travel. This leaflet is designed for that purpose.

### REMEMBER TO NOTIFY SOMEONE OF...

1. Your trip.
2. Your planned route of travel.
3. Your estimated time of return.

### WHEN SOMEONE IS OVERDUE...

Keep calm and contact:

- Sheriff or other law officers.
- Snowmobile clubs or centers.
- Forest Service.



# REMINDERS

## If You Become Lost or Have Mechanical Trouble

Keep calm — think, decide on a plan.

Trust your compass.

Backtrack if possible.

If not possible, remain in place.

Don't separate if with a party.

Don't abandon your snowshoes or skis.

Build a fire and shelter — stay warm.

Mark your base camp.

### DISTRESS SIGNALS:

Three smokes, three blasts of whistle, three shouts, three flashes of light, three of anything that will attract attention.





# **GENERAL SAFETY TIPS**

## **PHYSICALLY FIT?**

Take no one who cannot "walk out" in case of breakdown. Human efficiency declines in cold weather — keep this in mind.

## **GOOD EQUIPMENT?**

Know how to make repairs. Carry an emergency repair kit that includes an extra spark plug with spark plug wrench and an extra drive belt. Carburetor operation will vary greatly with the change of elevation. Know how to make proper adjustment. Have enough gas with some to spare.

## **TRIP PLANNED?**

Know where you are going — stick to it. Register your snowmobile trip with the Forest Service or the Sheriff's Office.

## **GOING ALONE?**

Don't — if you can possibly avoid it. Travel in a group of at least three.

## **PROPER CLOTHING?**

Warm and windproof. Carry extras.

## **CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST?**

Don't travel in a storm. If weather turns bad, TURN BACK. Don't gamble.

## **MAPS AND COMPASS?**

Know how to use them. If you don't have a map, stop at your nearest Ranger Station. Study the terrain beforehand, perhaps on fall hunting trips.



# Check List

## ITEMS FOR DAY TRIP UP TO 10 HOURS

Many items can be taken for convenience and comfort, but the following are a must on EVERY trip:

- Proper clothing and  
"extras" for everyone .....
- Equipment in top  
shape and tested .....
- Tools for snowmobile and  
equipment repair .....
- Spare motor parts,  
sparkplugs, etc. ....
- Extra gas .....
- Snowshoes or skis .....
- Enough food (emergency  
rations and lunch) .....
- Canned heat (to start fire) .....
- Matches (waterproof) and candle .....
- Emergency signaling mirror .....
- Compass and map .....
- Whistle (plastic) .....
- 100 feet ¼-inch nylon rope .....
- 9' x 12' plastic tarp  
(temporary shelter) .....
- Flashlight .....
- Hatchet .....
- First Aid Kit (group) .....
- Sunglasses or goggles .....



